

Peal Bend School (Tract #1801A)  
.3 miles east of extension of Route KK, 1 mile  
southeast of Valley View  
Warsaw Vicinity  
Benton County  
Missouri

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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PEAL BEND SCHOOL  
(Tract #1801-A)

Location: 0.3 miles east of extension of Route KK, 1 mile south-east of Valley View, approximately 3.5 miles southwest of Warsaw, Warsaw Vicinity, Benton County, Missouri.

USGS Warsaw West Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 15.464020.4227480.

Present Owner: United States Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District.

Present Use: Vacant.

Significance: One of the few remaining examples of a one-room country schoolhouse.

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

## A. General Statement:

Condition of fabric: Fair; Has recently been used as a barn.

## B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: This one-story building is one bay wide, 21', by three bays long, 31'.
2. Foundation: Concrete perimeter beam directly on grade. No basement.
3. Wall construction, finish and color: Weatherboards, painted white.
4. Structural system, framing: Balloon framing.
5. Porch: The 6' x 6' entry vestibule at the east end of the building appears to have been added at a later time to house a bathroom. The original wood siding continues along the wall inside the vestibule and the shingles are flashed onto the end wall of the main structure, not under the wood siding as it would be if it were built at one time.
6. Chimney: There is an opening in the ceiling and roof at the west end for an interior end chimney, now missing.

7. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: Missing.
- b. Windows: No glazing remains. The lintels have cyma recta moldings. Wooden shutters are vertical boards with strap hinges, single-leaf.

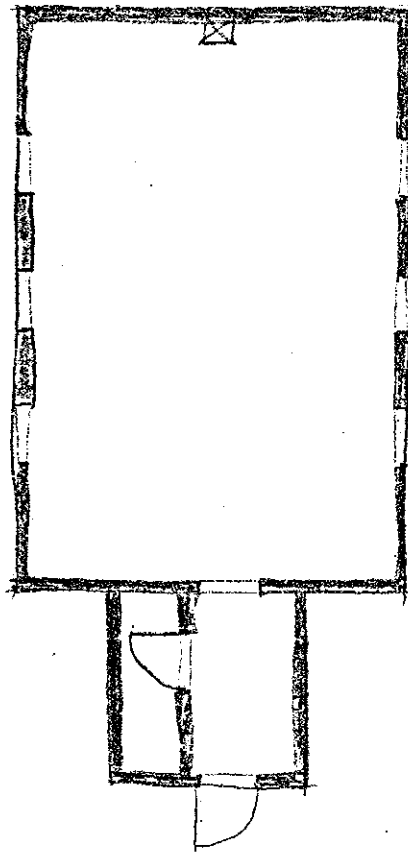
8. Roof: The gable roof is covered with wood shingles. The roof over the entry vestibule at the east end is hipped with wood shingles.

C. Description of Interior:

- 1. Floor plans: The building is one story and is entered through a small vestibule on the east end of the building. The main room is a long rectangle entered on its narrow end.
- 2. Flooring: Concrete slab.
- 3. Wall and ceiling finish: The walls are covered with horizontal tongue-and-groove wood sheathing above vertical novelty-siding wainscoting. The ceiling is tongue-and-groove wood.

- D. Site: The schoolhouse faces east with a gravel county road on the north, east, and west.

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FLOOR PLAN  
PEAL BEND SCHOOL #1801-A

PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

The Truman Reservoir Project was funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, in compliance with Executive Order 11593 as a mitigative effort in the construction of the Harry S. Truman Dam and Reservoir, in the summer of 1977. William Brookover (Columbia University, supervisor; Michael Connor (University of Virginia), team foreman; Gary Baker (Catholic University), Edwin Daniel (Mississippi State), and Gary Statkus (University of Illinois), student architects; Paul Weed (Columbia University), architectural historian.

Addendum to  
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL DATA

Peal Bend School

1801-A

Warsaw vicinity, Benton County, Missouri

Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Occupant: vacant

Use: vacant

## Statement of significance:

The Peal Bend School is typical of the basic one-room schoolhouse, once so common in the survey area.

## A. PHYSICAL HISTORY

## 1. Date of erection: circa 1910-1915

Perusal of Reports of the Public Schools for these years shows that there was school building activity in Benton County: in 1911 it is stated that "several school buildings have been built in the past two years" (vol 62, p 232) -- three were built in 1909, at a cost of \$6107 (vol 60, p 81) and two, at a cost of \$4373 were built in 1910 (vol 61, p 97). Peal Bend School resembles those new schools that illustrate these volumes. I extend the probable date to 1915, because of the tornado that did damage in Peal Bend that year. It is possible that the storm destroyed the earlier log schoolhouse, which was then replaced.

## 3. Original and subsequent owners:

Lot 19 NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 2 Township 39N Range 23W

The chain of title was not searched.

## 5. Original plan and construction:

The Peal Bend School is typical of the one-room schoolhouse then built in Missouri: a one storey rectangular space, the lateral walls each pierced by three windows, a stove placed at the end of the room facing the entrance. It was usual to have two separate doors at the entrance, and there was probably a porch.

6. Alterations and additions:

At some time the porch was converted to a vestibule and toilet.

7. Historic events and persons:

There was on the site an older log schoolhouse which stood further back from the road (Breese). In 1930 the school's enrollment stood at 6 (vol 47 sup 83). Operated as a school, teaching all the primary grades, until 1952 (Owen).

B. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

1. Primary and unpublished

D. Interviews

Mrs. Breese  
415 West Jackson  
Warsaw

6 August 1977

Grew-up on Peal Bend and attended the school in the 1920's.

Mr. John Owen  
West Jackson  
Warsaw

various meetings, summer 1977

Active in the Benton County Historical Society: was also Superintendent of Schools.

2. Secondary

A. Missouri. Department of Public Schools. Supplement to the 83rd Annual Report, No. 47: "An Administrative Survey of the Schools of Benton County."

Missouri. Education Department. Report of the Public Schools. Volumes 60, 61 and 62.

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